

Trinity County Economic Forecast

Trinity County is located in the mountains of north-western California. Hundreds of miles of trails, lakes, and highways provide diverse opportunities for outdoor visitors to the county. The recreation and tourism industries are major contributors to the local economy.

The January 2003 population estimates show Trinity County with 13,283 residents. The county has no incorporated cities. Small communities along the Trinity River where gold mining towns existed can still be seen along the roadside. The town of Weaverville, population 3,400, is the county seat. The demographic projection indicates that Trinity County's population will eclipse 14,000 persons by the year 2010, an increase of 6.2 percent over the 2003 level.

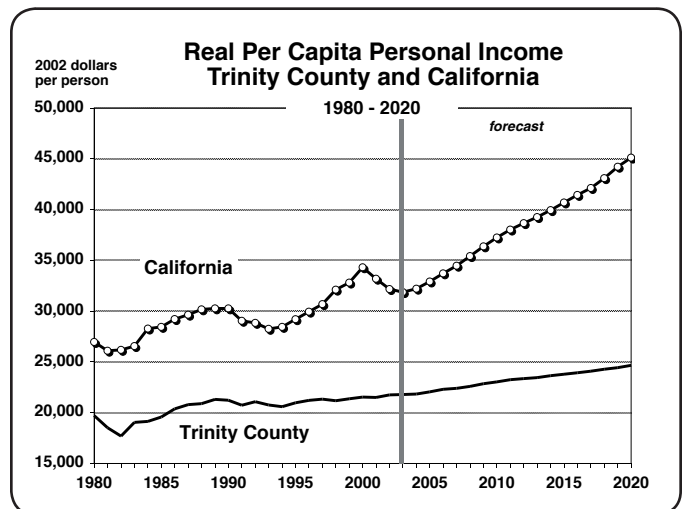
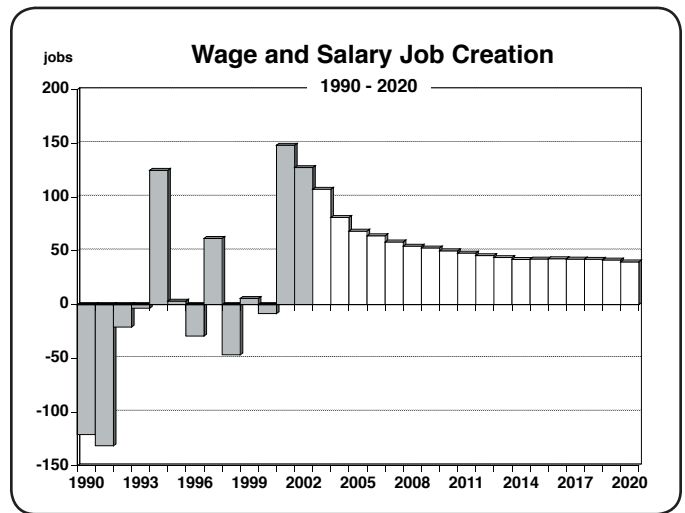
In counties like Trinity, where recreation and tourism are factors in the economy, there are usually greater seasonal variations in employment and, as a result, higher unemployment rates. The 2002 annual average unemployment rate for Trinity County was 10.5 percent, significantly higher than the state's rate of 6.6 percent for the same year. The unemployment rate is forecast to fall steadily in Trinity County over the next 2 decades.

Government is by far the largest employer in Trinity County. Among the county's government employers are the county itself, various school districts, and the U.S. Forest Service. The total number of government jobs in the year 2002 was 1,600, or 47 percent of all wage and salary employment. Retail trade is another significant industry in Trinity County's economy. Accounting for almost 17 percent of all employment, the majority of retail jobs are in food stores and restaurants. Services contributed nearly 17 percent of all jobs in 2002.

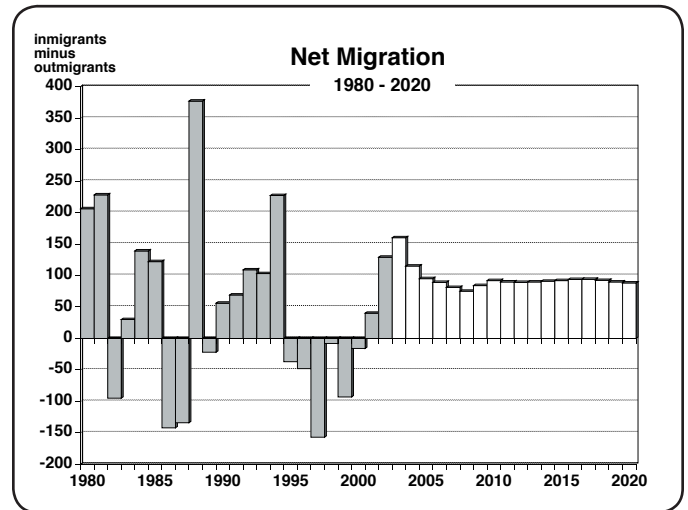
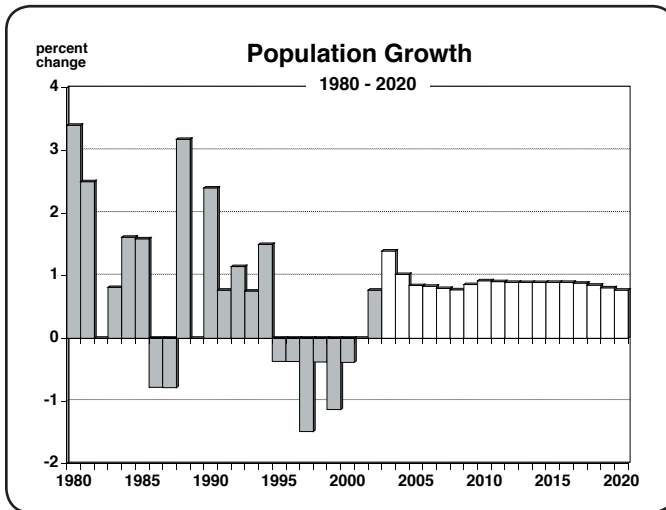
The employment forecast calls for all new job creation to occur across four sectors: manufacturing, retail trade, the services, and government. Farm employment in Trinity County is negligible.

Forecast Highlights

- Non-farm job growth is forecast to rise 1.8 percent per year over the next 5 years. An average of 72 jobs per year are created between 2003 and 2008. Between 1997 and 2002, an average of 48 new jobs were created per year in the county.



- Inflation-adjusted per-capita income rises at a rate of 0.7 percent per year between 2003 and 2008. Between 1997 and 2002, the growth of real per capita income averaged 0.4 percent per year.
- Due to an increase in fertility, and more positive net-migration over the next 5 years, the growth in population averages 0.9 percent per year. The number of new in-migrants is forecast to average 100 persons per year, principally due to surprisingly strong net migration observed between 2002 and 2003.

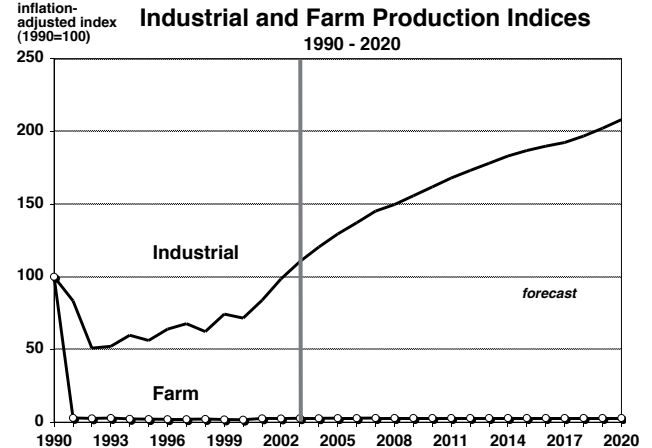
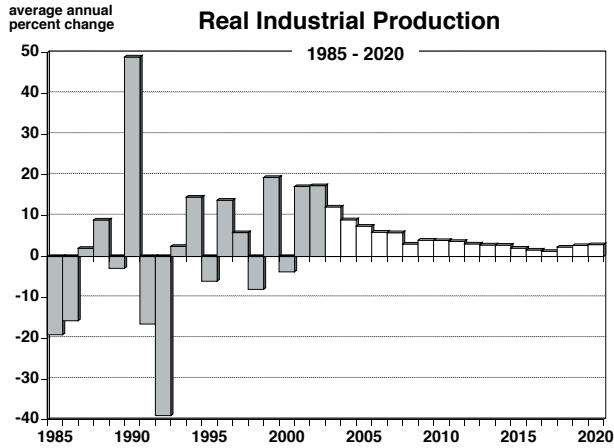


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1995-2002 History, 2003-2020 Forecast

	July Population (people)	Net Migration (people)	Registered Vehicles (thousands)	Households (thousands)	New Homes Permitted (homes)	Retail Sales (millions)	Personal Income (millions)	Real Per Capita Income (dollars)	Farm Crop Value (millions)	Industrial Production (millions)
1995	13,500	-37	17.2	5.4	36	\$33.0	\$222.4	\$20,979	\$1.5	\$66.4
1996	13,450	-48	17.6	5.5	32	\$34.0	\$229.2	\$21,212	\$1.5	\$75.6
1997	13,250	-157	16.4	5.5	31	\$32.8	\$234.9	\$21,337	\$1.5	\$80.1
1998	13,200	-8	16.8	5.5	50	\$32.6	\$239.8	\$21,186	\$1.7	\$73.6
1999	13,050	-93	17.0	5.5	46	\$36.6	\$249.3	\$21,371	\$1.5	\$87.9
2000	13,000	-16	17.7	5.6	33	\$37.6	\$261.5	\$21,546	\$1.4	\$84.6
2001	13,000	40	18.7	5.6	47	\$37.7	\$275.1	\$21,508	\$2.3	\$99.2
2002	13,100	129	18.9	5.6	42	\$38.7	\$285.0	\$21,758	\$2.3	\$116.4
2003	13,283	160	19.2	5.7	48	\$41.1	\$296.7	\$21,788	\$2.4	\$130.6
2004	13,418	115	19.4	5.7	45	\$43.6	\$308.8	\$21,842	\$2.6	\$142.4
2005	13,531	95	19.6	5.7	48	\$46.0	\$323.2	\$22,057	\$2.7	\$153.0
2006	13,643	89	19.9	5.7	48	\$48.3	\$338.6	\$22,301	\$2.8	\$162.1
2007	13,752	81	20.1	5.8	48	\$50.6	\$351.7	\$22,397	\$2.9	\$171.6
2008	13,859	75	20.3	5.8	47	\$52.8	\$367.0	\$22,600	\$3.0	\$176.9
2009	13,978	84	20.5	5.8	46	\$55.0	\$384.1	\$22,858	\$3.1	\$184.0
2010	14,106	92	20.7	5.8	44	\$57.3	\$401.6	\$23,038	\$3.2	\$191.3
2011	14,234	90	20.9	5.9	44	\$59.6	\$420.6	\$23,248	\$3.3	\$198.5
2012	14,361	89	21.1	5.9	44	\$61.9	\$438.8	\$23,366	\$3.4	\$204.6
2013	14,489	90	21.3	5.9	45	\$64.3	\$457.5	\$23,458	\$3.5	\$210.5
2014	14,618	91	21.5	5.9	46	\$66.6	\$478.1	\$23,644	\$3.6	\$216.4
2015	14,749	92	21.6	6.0	47	\$68.9	\$498.6	\$23,788	\$3.7	\$220.9
2016	14,881	94	21.8	6.0	47	\$71.3	\$520.6	\$23,941	\$3.8	\$224.4
2017	15,012	94	22.0	6.0	46	\$73.9	\$544.1	\$24,095	\$3.9	\$227.3
2018	15,139	92	22.2	6.0	44	\$76.4	\$568.6	\$24,281	\$4.0	\$232.6
2019	15,261	90	22.4	6.1	43	\$78.9	\$592.9	\$24,444	\$4.1	\$238.9
2020	15,378	88	22.6	6.1	43	\$81.3	\$618.8	\$24,668	\$4.2	\$245.9

- An average of 47 new residential units are permitted each year over the next 5 years. This compares with an average 42 units built between 1997 and 2002 in Trinity County.



Total Wage & Salary	Farm	Mining & Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation, Utilities	Wholesale, Retail Trade	Finance, Real Estate	Services	Government
-----employment (jobs)-----								
3,171	40	83	453	80	583	67	485	1,381
3,142	35	106	378	104	583	60	488	1,387
3,203	47	120	324	104	604	72	524	1,408
3,157	53	96	307	129	583	77	510	1,403
3,163	69	103	288	128	598	76	486	1,414
3,154	62	91	262	113	603	67	447	1,512
3,303	60	122	293	117	590	67	491	1,564
3,430	30	170	280	110	600	70	570	1,600
3,537	35	200	294	105	611	72	598	1,622
3,619	37	220	309	105	625	72	611	1,640
3,687	38	233	321	106	640	73	618	1,658
3,751	38	241	332	111	657	73	624	1,676
3,809	38	247	341	116	673	73	628	1,693
3,864	38	251	350	120	689	73	632	1,711
3,917	38	254	357	125	704	73	637	1,729
3,967	38	255	363	131	719	73	641	1,747
4,015	38	257	368	137	734	73	645	1,764
4,060	38	258	372	142	748	73	648	1,781
4,104	38	258	376	146	763	74	652	1,798
4,146	38	259	379	150	776	74	655	1,815
4,189	38	260	382	155	790	74	658	1,832
4,232	38	260	385	159	803	74	661	1,851
4,274	38	261	388	164	815	74	664	1,870
4,316	37	261	390	169	828	74	668	1,888
4,358	37	261	391	175	840	74	672	1,906
4,398	37	262	392	181	852	74	675	1,924

